CONSTITUTION OF THE BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (Radio Station WMUA)

Article I, Name

The name of this organization shall be the Broadcasting Association of the University of Massachusetts.

Article II, Purpose

The purpose of the Broadcasting Association shall be to serve the students, campus, and community by providing information, news, campus communication, and entertainment, and to provide opportunities for experience in the practical operation of a radio station.

Article III, Membership

Section I, Active membership

Active membership shall be open to undergraduate students of the University of Massachusetts who have fulfilled all training and participation requirements as contained in the by-laws of the Association. Only Active members shall vote and hold office.

Section II, Associate membership

Associate membership shall be open to all other persons who have fulfilled all training and participation requirements.

Section III, Intern membership

Intern membership shall designate all persons who have not fulfilled all training and participation requirements.

Section IV, Honorary membership

Honorary membership shall be open to those persons specifically designated by the Association body.

Article IV, Association government.

Section I, Policy Board

A. To govern overall long-range Association policy, there shall be a Policy Board composed of the five elected officers and the elected advisor. The elected officers shall have an equal vote. The advisor shall not have a vote.

B. Policy Board shall review and approve actions of the Management Board as appropriate.

C. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and posted. Such minutes shall become part of the official records of the Association.

D. A Student Senate representative shall be welcome at and notified of all Policy Board meetings.

E. Actions of Policy Board may be reviewed by majority vote of at least 3/4 of the Active members of the Association. This review must come before a regular Association meeting. Such review may amend, revise, or overrule action of the Policy Board.

Section II, Management Board

A. Operating policy and personnel shall be the responsibility of Management Board which shall consist of all elected officers and those appointed officers designated in the by-laws of the Association.

B. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and posted. Such minutes shall become part of the official records of the Association.

Article V, Officers and Advisor

Section I

There shall be five elected officers elected by a simple majority of the Active membership of the Association. Any officer may succeed himself.

Section II, Elected officers

A. Station manager

The Station Manager shall be the chief executive of the Association. He shall coordinate all Association activities, be responsible that all Association operations conform with FCC regulations, and that the constitution, by-laws, and formal policy as established by the Policy Board be followed and enforced.

B. Assistant station manager

The Assistant Station Manager shall be the personnel director, and shall assume the responsibilities of the Station Manager in his absense.

C. Program director

The Program Director shall oversee program content and scheduling.

D. Business manager

The Business Manager shall supervise all financial transactions and all books, records, and inventories of the Association.

E. Chief Engineer

The Chief Engineer shall see that all equipment conform with FCC regulations and good engineering practice.

Section III, Advisor

There shall be an advisor who shall be a member of the professional staff of the University. His term of office shall be concurrent with the terms of the elected officers. Any advisor may succeed himself.

Section IV, Appointed officers

The Appointed Officers shall be designated by the Station Manager with the advise and consent of Policy Board.

Article VI, Elections

Section I, Time of elections

The annual election of officers and the advisor shall be held at the regular Association meeting in March.

Section II, Nomination committee

A. There shall be a Nomination Committee consisting of the five elected officers, the advisor, and three Association members who shall be elected at the regular Association meeting in February.

B. The Nomination Committee shall present to the Association membership at least one nomination for each elected officer and advisor position.

C. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the Association for elections.

D. Election to an office requires a simple majority vote of the quorum of the Association, voting by secret ballot.

Section III, Vacant offices

A. Whenever the office of Station Manager becomes vacant, the Assistant Station Manager shall become Station Manager and shall vacate his previous office.

B. If any other elected office becomes vacant, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy at the next regular Association meeting.

C. The Station Manager shall have the power to fill vacant elected offices by temporary appointment until elections can be held.

Article VII, Meetings

Section I, Association meetings

A. The Broadcasting Association shall hold at least seven regularly scheduled meetings per academic year, no two of which shall be in the same month.

B. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Station Manager at such times as are thought to be advisable, or by a majority vote of the Management Board, or by a petition of twenty-five percent of the Active Membership.

C. A quorum shall be a simple majority of the total number of the Active Members of the Association, except as specified in Article IV, Section I, Paragraph E, or Article VIII, Section II, Paragraph C.

D. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and posted. Such minutes shall become part of the official records of the Association.

Section II, Policy board meetings

A. Meetings of Policy Board may be called by the Station Manager or by any two members upon giving reasonable notice to the entire Policy Board.

B. A quorum of Policy Board shall consist of at least three officers of the board and the advisor.

Section III, Management Board

A. Meetings of Management Board shall be held at least once every two weeks.

B. A quorum of Management Board shall consist of a simple majority of the members of the board.

Section IV, Reference authority

Proceedures for all meetings of responsible bodies of the Association shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, unless provisions of this Constitution or its By-laws hold otherwise.

Article VIII, Complaints against members and officers

Section I, Association members

Any complaint against an Association member may be brought before Management Board. The member shall have the right to defend his position before a quorum of Management Board. Action can only be taken by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Management Board. The member may be temporarily suspended from active participation by the Station Manager until the complaint has been resolved at the next Management Board meeting.

Section II, Officers

A. Motion to recall

A motion to recall any elected officer of the Association may be presented by a majority vote of Management Board or by a petition by at least ⅓ of the Active membership of the Association.

B. Upon receipt of a motion to recall, the Station Manager, Assistant Station Manager, or another elected officer, shall notify the membership of the Association that the matter shall be presented at the next regular Association meeting which is more than ten days hence.

C. The officer may then be removed from office at that meeting by a majority of the Active membership or by a vote of 3/4 of those Active members present at the

meeting, whichever is greater.

Article IX, Adoption of this Constitution

This Constitution, after approval by a majority vote of the Policy Board, shall be presented to the Association membership at the next regular Association meeting. It then must be tabled for at least one week, after which a two-thirds vote of the Active membership shall be required for its approval. It shall be considered in effect and supercede all previous Constitutions on the date of its ratification by the Student Senate.

Article X, Amendments

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall, after approval of a majority vote of Policy Board, be presented to the Association membership at the next regular Association meeting. It then must be tabled for at least one week, after which a two-thirds vote of the Active membership shall be required for its approval. It then shall be considered in effect on the date of its ratification by the Student Senate.

Article XI, By-laws

By-laws may be proposed by any member of the Broadcasting Association at any Association meeting. They shall becomsidered in effect upon receiving a simple majority vote of the Active membership at that Association meeting.